

(c) whether it is a fact that material delivered to yards of SAIL keeps lying for couple of months; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that SAIL material is sold in the market generally by offering discounts ranging from 15 per cent to 20 per cent on the standard prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) Expenses on marketing of various products at different locations vary from case to case. Further, such information is not monitored by the Government.

(c) Duration of holding of stock of different products at various stockyards is dependent on the prevailing market conditions as well as operational factors.

(d) No, Sir.

Tribes living nomadic life

†132. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of tribes are still living nomadic life;

(b) if so, what are the names and the total population of such tribes; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to educate them and to settle them permanently?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names and total population of all the nomadic tribes in the country are not available in the Ministry. Birhor in the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh & Orissa and Mankirdia in Orissa are nomadic Schedule Tribes in those States. The population of these Scheduled Tribes are given below:—

Birhor	— 5080
--------	--------

Mankirdia	— 133
-----------	-------

(c) Though there is no scheme exclusively for nomadic tribes, these groups are covered under normal programmes of the State Government meant for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

[24th July, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

their socio-economic development under TSP strategy. A new central sector scheme for development of Primitive Tribal Groups since 1998-99 has been introduced. The above two nomadic Scheduled Tribes are eligible to get benefits under the new central sector scheme for their socio-economic development.

Tribes in the list of criminal tribes

†133. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Tribes are in the list of criminal tribes;
- (b) if so, what are the names of these tribes and what is their total population; and
- (c) what steps are being taken by Government to rehabilitate these tribes as respected citizens?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Implementation of the Bhuria Committee Recommendations

134. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) in how many States the Legislatures have implemented the recommendations of the Bhuria Committee;
- (b) whether it is a fact that in Orissa, Government till date have not implemented section 7 of the Orissa Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Act, 1997; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.